



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 283

Compacts of Free Association Amendments Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on January 31, 2007*

S. 283 would amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003. The bill would make several amendments to the compact and would cancel a \$3 million payment Palau owes to the federal government if Palau deposits \$3 million into a trust fund controlled by the Republic of Palau. The earnings from the trust fund would be used for maintenance of the road system in Palau. Based on information from the Department of the Interior, CBO estimates that this provision would result in a loss of offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) of \$3 million in fiscal year 2007. Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues.

S. 283 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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